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Chinese Reds Would Fight With Russia

Latest Broadcast Declaration

Nanking, Apr. 3.—The Chinese Communists today said amid peace negotiations with the Nationalists that they would unite the people of China to fight for Russia in any war between the Soviet Union and the North Atlantic treaty nations.

A Communist broadcast heard in Shanghai quoted a statement signed by Mao Tse-tung and other Leftist leaders denouncing the Western treaty and pledging aid to Russia in the event of war.

Discussions for settling the 22-year-old civil war between the Communists and the Nationalist government continued behind closed doors in Peking. Details of the talks were kept secret, but the Government newspaper, Central Daily News, said the six-man Nationalist delegation led off with proposals for a cease fire and calling a political consultation conference.

This report drew an indirect denial from official sources who said that the early stages were devoted to mapping agenda for discussion.

ALLY OF SOVIET UNION

The Communist broadcast to-night said that in the event of war between East and West, even if it should start on the other side of the world, the Communists and their "associated democratic parties" would unite their people to "march forward hand in hand with the ally of China—the Soviet Union."

The joint Communist-Leftist statement condemned the North Atlantic treaty as endangering peace and security of mankind by aiming at a "new aggressive world war."

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Toscanini Upset

New York, Apr. 3.—Arturo Toscanini lost his temper after conducting the last two acts of "Aida" last night when a girl photographer took a flash-light photo of him. Toscanini strode from the stage and ignored the wild applause of the audience. He had been conducting the National Broadcasting Company's Symphony Orchestra in his last regular broadcast of the season.

One music critic said afterwards that the rendering of "Aida" had been good enough to inspire "actions more rash than picture taking."—Reuter.

"INVASION" THWARTED

Vienna, Apr. 3.—Officials said today that Austrian garrisons along the Hungarian border fired warning shots on Friday to prevent an "invasion" of Austria by Hungarian soldiers. The officials said the Austro-Hungarian border had since been "sealed off by wire and electric wire, except for a small stretch near Nikolsdorf, where legal travellers are allowed to pass through."

Frontier guards armed with rifles and pistols were under orders to "repel by force any Hungarian soldiers attempting to invade Austrian territory." The officials said the Hungarians withdrew from the border after warning shots on Friday. The spokesman said: "The Austrian authorities decided to meet force with force as far as the Hungarians were concerned and after Hungarian Army officers and soldiers had kidnapped four Austrian border police recently in order to press them into the Hungarian garrison service." They said the gendarmes rushed to an undisclosed point on the border after Hungarian soldiers crossed the frontier.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Protecting River Shipping

ONE of the first acts of good neighbourliness which the British Navy carried out after the liberation of Hongkong in 1945 was to sweep the Canton river of mines which had been sown by Allied planes for the purpose of disrupting the movement of Japanese shipping between Canton and the Colony. It was a task which took time and involved risks, but it was successfully accomplished and river traffic was able, once again, to resume between the two cities in safety. That was a full three years ago: today, British and Chinese steamers are being confronted with the menace of mines—this time laid by Chinese bandits and gangsters for the express purpose of terrorising shipping companies into the payment of "protection" money. And the bandits mean business as they demonstrated 10 days ago when they blew up and sank the British-registered steamer Miss Orient with heavy loss of life after issuing an ultimatum to the owners. Now they have issued similar threats against the Canadian-built motorships Shihmen and Chimen, while it is common knowledge that the B. and S. Fatshan, the Queen of the river, is on their list. The owners have met these attempts to terrorise with courage, refusing to be intimidated either into paying out "protection" money or to taking their vessels off the river. But danger faces every bit of the river shipping today and a situation has been created which calls for most energetic action on the part of the Chinese authorities. Two years ago Hongkong was subjected to a terroristic campaign carried out by gangsters: it took the form of extortion by threat, with home-made bombs and grenades being placed in theatres and shops when the proprietors refused to meet the terrorists' demands. The Police carried out a relentless campaign of investigation and search, and were involved in more than one gun duel with these well armed, skillfully organised gangsters. But

eventually the Police succeeded in breaking up the gangs, and, supported by the Law in its sternest and most uncompromising mood, this menace to life and property in Hongkong was removed. Clearly the same ruthless hunting down and elimination of the Canton river bandits is demanded. Increased protection and safeguards on the river vessels can help in maintaining the internal safety of these ships during the trips and can reduce the danger of armed piracy. But these additional guards are helpless against the machinations of river bandits who, operating from Chinese territory, are able to lay mines in the channels whenever they feel so disposed. A Canton report says that the authorities have intensified their river patrols by placing two gunboats on duty and stationing one company of troops along the banks of the river where shipping is most vulnerable. This may have the desired effect, although the action can hardly be described as an all-out attempt to destroy the bandit gangs. Two things are obvious: the gangsters are well organised, and they are operating from hide-outs along the river banks. Punitive expeditions appear to be called for in dealing with the situation. The presence of a mere company of soldiers and the movements of two patrol gunboats are not likely to dissuade the bandits from their cruel depredations. The vulnerable parts of the river must be combed along both banks and then garrisoned. The constant presence of purposeful troops along the river banks would probably be the most effective means of suppressing the activities of the bandits and in the meantime the Kwangtung security police should be mobilised for an all-out drive to round up the gangsters. River shipping carrying out lawful and peaceful duties must be protected from these bandit gangs and the onus of providing this protection falls on the Chinese authorities.

At 10.50 p.m. I was approaching Dent Point Buoy, I heard and felt an explosion," said Capt. Anderson. "It was not a very heavy explosion but it shook the ship. The first thing I noticed was the steering gear was out of action, and the ship inclined into the left bank when abreast of Dent Point Buoy. A quartermaster called my attention to the steering gear by saying 'No can' or words to that effect. About a minute after the explosion the vessel touched the bank. The speed of the ship at the time of the explosion would be about six knots. As far as I was able to judge the vessel's speed was not affected by the explosion. Immediately after the explosion the engine was stopped."

SHIP HEELS OVER

Immediately after the explosion, Capt. Anderson went on deck, the engine was stopped by telegraph from the bridge. As soon as the ship touched the river bank, she began to heel over very rapidly on her starboard side, but he could not say whether the vessel's stem struck the bank a glancing blow or a square-on blow. However, he did not consider that the putting on of the engine would have served any useful purpose or corrected the heeling. The time between the explosion and when the ship heeled over was approximately three minutes, he estimated.

Asked what the night was like, Capt. Anderson said it was very dark and misty, and the visibility was very poor.

There was no time to take any action to save life until after the ship had settled down on her starboard side. Witness was trapped in the enclosed bridge, and could not get out until about 10 minutes after

the inquiry is proceeding.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Easterly winds; cloudy, with scattered light drizzle.
1 p.m. Observations: Barometric pressure, 1016.5 mb. 30.02 in. Temperature, 67 deg. F. Dew point, 60 deg. F. Relative humidity, 78. Wind direction, ENE. Wind force, 18 knots.
Low water: 2 ft. at 8.00 p.m. High water: 3 ft. 8 in. at 3.18 a.m. (Tuesday).

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Mandalay Retaken By Govt. Troops

London, Apr. 3.—Burma's Government troops have captured Mandalay, the temple city and ancient capital of the Burmese kings, from the Karen insurgents. All-India Radio announced today: The Karen entered the city, which is 500 miles north of Rangoon, on March 12.

After three days of street fighting the insurgents completely occupied the ancient capital and attacked Sagawing, a town across the Irrawaddy river.

A Government communiqué on March 10 described the Communists and the Karen rebels as in complete control of Mandalay, but two days later the Karen were reported to have withdrawn to the suburbs, leaving the administration in the hands of the Communists.

Government forces recaptured Melktila, 90 miles south of Mandalay, on March 23 and the next day launched a new offensive in the Mandalay sector. Recapturing Annanapura, nine miles south of Mandalay by March 25, they were within four miles of Mandalay, with Burma Air Force planes giving protective cover to the land forces.

CLOSING IN

To the east and northeast of Mandalay, other Government troops were tonight closing in on the railway town of Maymyo, about 40 miles from Mandalay on the line running up to the railhead at Lashio, recaptured by Government forces on March 21.

The situation in the rice port of Bassein in Southern Burma was normal and the loading of taddy for export continued without interruption, All-India Radio said.

A serious rift between two factions of the Karen was reported from the Bassein district.

All India Radio, heard in New Delhi, announced the recapture of the city. The insurgent losses were heavy, it was claimed.

NEW MINISTERS

A Supreme Court Judge, E. Maung, and Lieutenant General Ne Win, commander of the Burmese armed forces, have been appointed Ministers of the Burmese Government, it was announced in Rangoon today.

The announcement said the President of the Burmese Union, Sao Shwe Thaik, considered it unnecessary at present to fill the six vacancies in the Cabinet caused by the resignation yes-

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'Harry' Baines Appointed Bishop Of Singapore

Canon Henry ("Harry") Wolfe Baines, former Assistant Priest at St John's Cathedral for five years before the war, has been appointed Bishop of Singapore.

A United Press message from London says the appointment was announced yesterday by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Canon Baines succeeds Bishop Wilson, one-time Dean of St John's Cathedral, who is now Dean of Manchester.

A year ago, the Rev. Baines was appointed Rector of Rubery.

He was appointed to Hongkong during Dean Swann's tenure of office and on leaving the Colony he became Vicar of Radford, Coventry, which was blitzed in 1939.

He took his degree at Balliol College, Oxford, underwent his theological training at Cuddesdon, and was appointed to the staff of the Church of St Mary-the-Virgin, Oxford.

He is an accomplished pianist, has a fine baritone voice, and is a keen cricketer.

Israel-Transjordan Armistice Signed

LIMITATION OF FORCES

Rhodes, Apr. 3.—Israel and Transjordan tonight signed a Palestine armistice agreement here. The pact—signed exactly a month after the two States began their negotiations on this Mediterranean "peace" island—was Israel's third armistice settlement. The others were with Egypt and The Lebanon.

The ceremony of signing lasted seven minutes. It was preceded by a final joint meeting lasting 55 minutes, most of which was taken up by Dr Ralph Bunche, the acting Palestine Mediator and a tireless seeker of peace in the Middle East, reading the text of the long agreement.

Dr Bunche had set up much of last night drafting the final terms and marking maps. The negotiations had been held up earlier this afternoon by disagreement over one of the two annexes to the agreement, said to be that covering the Iraqi-occupied "Arab Triangle" in East Palestine.

The Iraqi forces will hand over their positions to Transjordan, and will eventually be replaced by the Arab Legion.

Three "line" phases are allowed for in the armistice but all military dispositions will be completed within 14 weeks.

The clause which deals with the demarcation lines explains that in the Hebron, Dead Sea, area there is a "substantial deviation from the existing military lines" in favour of Transjordan.

"This is designed to offset a modification of the existing military lines in the Iraqi sector," the agreement said. In this area, the Jews gain a little north and west of the Iraqi held front, where they have been given stretches of the road between Tulkarm and Qalqilya.—Reuter.

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WOMANSENSE

PRINTS REGAIN FAVOUR

NEW YORK.—The print silk dress—which appeared to have given up to the polka dot in many dress collections this spring—came into its own in the showings of the New York Dress Institute's semi-annual national press week held recently.

Nettie Rosenstein and Brownie both made up in some measure for the noticeable absence of prints in other collections.

Newest looking of the prints were those printed on shantung and the apparent revived interest in small, widely spaced patterns.

Miss Rosenstein's collection featured wearable full-skirted dresses and slim-skirted suits, with lots of emphasis, as always on the neckline.

tiny bolero jackets over bare-shouldered dresses—both silks and knits—came with short sleeves in back and a capo-like front shoulder with ends which tie into a knot at the centre bustine.

Notable for its absence in this collection was the flared-back high-waisted jacket which has been shown almost everywhere else.

Whatever their basic colours, most Rosenstein prints showed a spot of pink somewhere—the combs of brown roosters on a honey-coloured shantung or the bare behinds of children swimming off a rocky beach on a blue green looking silk.

Candy-Coloured Buttons

Where Brownie didn't use prints, she frequently used flat, candy-coloured buttons, sprinkled everywhere useful on suits and coats. Two skirts were featured particularly in this collection—one with pockets which rolled around the side hipline to be met by the folds of a wide box pleat at both front and back, the other a cutaway over-skirt which billowed out behind. Prints here included one with large ladybugs on small green leaves on a white shantung background and widely spaced strawberries on a black pattern.

Joseph Whitehead made his own colour splashes out of solid cottons and shantungs. A hostess gown had a turquoise top and a purple, blue and green skirt. Pale lavender, blue and purple were sewed together for a broadcloth dress; gunmetal, jade and pale grey was another hostess gown.—United Press.

New Hats Are on the Up and Up



By PRUNELLA WOOD

If we should meet a hat with a certain ardour of bows in the middle of Nepal, we know it at once that Nikki turned out. Not that one needs go so far; any clear day, anywhere, Nikki's hats are plainly visible to the naked eye, just to mention one group habitat.

Here we have two bowed hats of typical talent. At the left, a draped

beret of white straw cloth goes up and up with its bows of black straw cloth, chic accent to the springtime tailleur. At the right, pink taffeta of soft wood hue, encrusted with a velvet motif, is piled into a bow drape effect, and set off with glycerined ostrich plumes which apo the precious numidi, a forbidden game plume.

A "REVOLUTION" IN BRITISH SHOPPING

(BY THE TELEGRAPH'S LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 25.—which she is rather inclined to regard as her natural enemy.—SHOPPING has been a nightmare to the British housewife since this week that they announced this week that they will permit a limited number of grocery stores to be adopted to the "self-service" system.

Apart from the worry of feeding her family on meagre rations, she has been in general use in the United States and some parts of the British Empire, it is still practically unknown in Britain.

Although this system has long been in use in the United States and some parts of the British Empire, it is still practically unknown in Britain.

Proves Popular

Up to now, building restrictions and the shortages of packing materials have prevented the system from becoming widely adopted, but initial experiments have proved the system not only workable but also extremely popular with housewives. No doubt the "self-service" habit will catch on just as quickly as the cafeteria system did during the war.

Now, at last, officialdom has given her some hope of at least a partial improvement in this situation. The Ministry of Food has

revised its "self-service" grocery stores in London at present. One of them was opened a month ago in Woolwich by the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society—as an experiment. In a month, sales have almost doubled and housewives are finding this method of shopping a welcome change after the everlasting queues and the indifference of harassed assistants.

They collect a wire basket as they enter the store and select their purchases from neatly arranged shelves. There is no hurry and no fuss. When they leave, a cashier checks their goods and takes the money and the coupons, when required.

In fact, the "Woolwich experiment" has proved so successful that the R.A.C.S. are busy converting a bigger store in Finsbury which they expect to open shortly.

Wherever the system has been tested, traders have reported their entire satisfaction with it. They say it not only eliminates queues (and thus saves time and tempers), but effects a great economy in their overhead expenses.

Adapting Promises

The relaxation of building restrictions will allow these experiments to be carried out under more favourable conditions—but limit to what a trader will be allowed to spend on adapting his premises to the "self-service" system has been fixed at £3,000.

Although the only two "self-service" stores at present in London are run by big multiple traders, small shopkeepers have not been ignored—they will be granted building licences for structural alterations in proportion agreed between the Ministries and the trade associations.

But of course, there is nothing to prevent a small shopkeeper switching to the "self-service" system if his premises can be adapted without alterations involving expenditure exceeding the present £100 a year limit for ordinary building purposes.

What to Do for Oily Skin



By HELEN FOLLETT

If given a choice between a thick and foamy, rubbed into dry and oily skin, almost the flesh with the finger tips. Only warm water will leave it arid surface. You can do something about that. You substitute a cold astringent for soap one. Ice friction is recommended; followed by the use of an astringent. Witch hazel will serve.

The real cure must come from within. It is the fat in the diet that speeds up the work of the glands. Cut down on butter; you probably eat more of it than you need, anyway. Don't be tempted to take cream in your coffee or in desserts.

The diet must include plenty of vegetables and green salads. Start the day with a glass of orange or tomato juice that will provide vitamins. Drink plenty of water. If the skin is chapped and it is necessary to use a soothing cream, do not leave it on overnight.

A change of soap may be helpful. The lather should be



ideas for a Bridge Luncheon

ONE of the high spots in our visit to Miami was the orange cocktail party given us.

The refreshments were so attractive you might duplicate them for a bridge party or club meeting.

Trays of big glasses of golden orange juice were passed, ice cold and frothy from the juicing. And at intervals down the long table at which we sat for a general discussion, were alternating glass platters of canapes and petits fours.

Canape Platter Assortment

Each canape platter was centred with a basket cut from a large green lime, and filled with sprigs of parsley. Around were arranged cornucopias of thin slices of salami, folded around a short roll of cream cheese mixed with chopped chives and mushrooms. Halved stuffed eggs seasoned with curry were decorated with grated carrot and red caviar. Thin finger-lengths of toast were a thin spread of black caviar, with edges of cream cheese piped around by a pastry tube.

More fingers of toast with fillets of anchovy and sliced stuffed olives, with an edge of stiff mayonnaise, also pastry-tubed. Round toast canapes had a mound of liver pate in the centre, bordered with chopped parsley and hard-cooked egg.

All of these canapes are easily made and can stand two or three hours before serving.

But as the Chef observed, "It is the clever use of the pastry bag that gives that professional touch." (A trick any housewife can learn by practice).

Petits Fours

You know what these are?—Little French cakes, delicious but at the same time easy to make. The Chef says, "For a party of eight make up 2 recipes white cake, or use 2 packages white cake mix. Oil 2 (7" x 11") pans and line with waxed paper. Pour in the batter, making it 1/4" deep. Spread evenly. Bake 20 mins. at 375 F. Cool 10 mins. Then turn out on waxed paper and cool at least 4 hrs. Spread one layer with a filling of very stiff preserves mixed with 1/4 the quantity of blanched almonds put through the chopper. Press on the top layer. Cut into 1 inch squares. Cover with homemade or ready-prepared icing in three colours and flavours—raspberry, orange and chocolate. Place on waxed paper to harden. When the icing begins

to set the table, glassware, that's it.

Quickly use up the tidbits from carving so they won't dry out. For instance, chop and heat gravy for hot sandwiches Monday noon. Forget lamb that night at dinner and serve cheese souffle. Wednesday slice and serve a vegetable main course, including red beans or black-eyed peas.

Serve Fish Often

Use fish at least twice a week. Learn to use kitchen equipment to save money; for instance, more oven, steamer and pressure cooker meals.

Use bacon rinds and make "bacon bits" for seasoning.

Here's a routine suggested: Occasionally buy a big roast of lamb for Sunday to last three or four days. Have the butcher cut off enough chops to serve Tuesday. When carving the roast, take out the moist part that slices best, wrap up, refrigerate or deep freeze, and save to be sliced and used later.

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Useful Tray Saves Steps

By ELEANOR ROSS

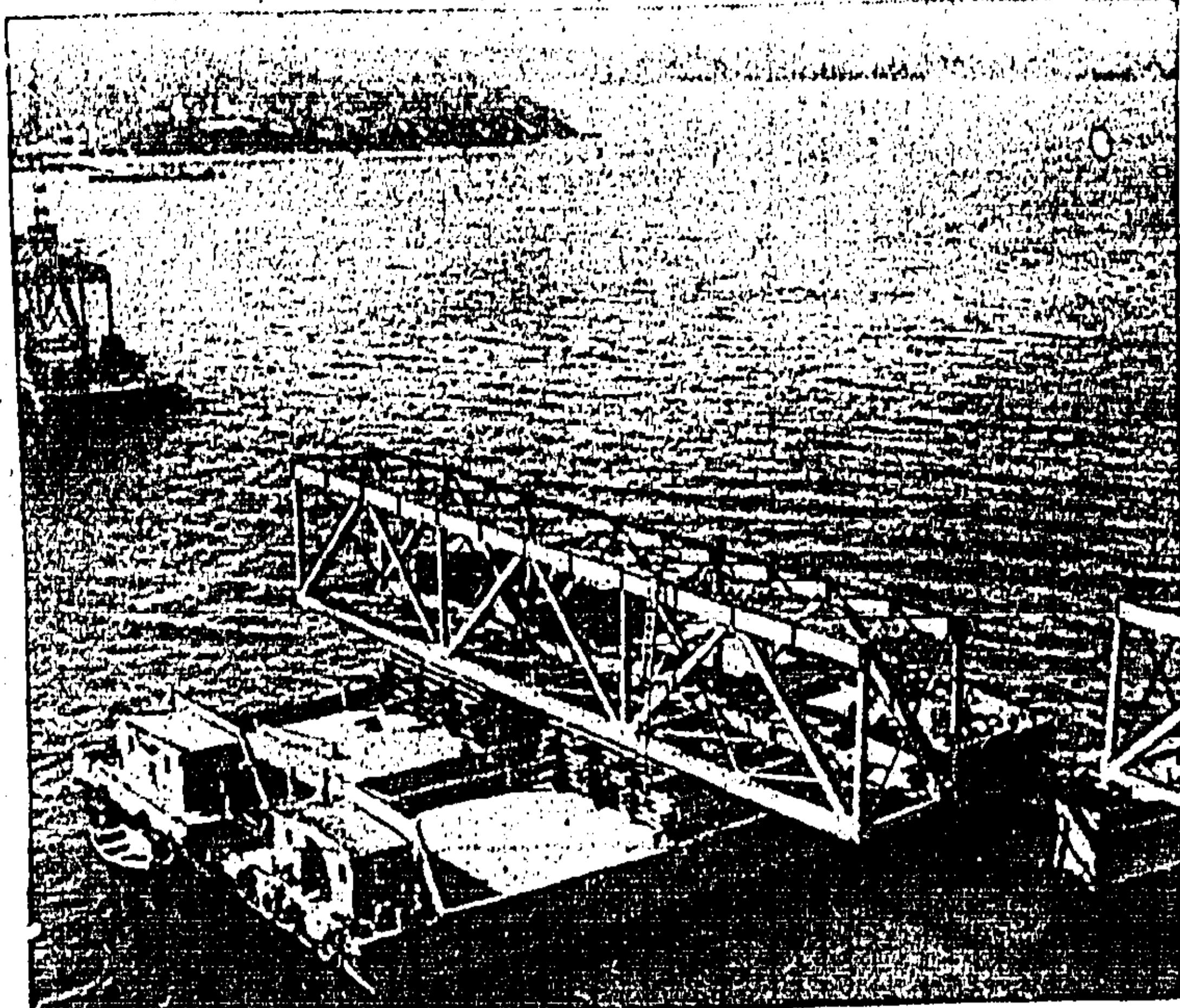
WE know one wise woman who always knows what to select when she has to buy a gift for a wedding, an anniversary, or a house-warming. Once she knows the type of house or the type of household, off she goes to choose a tray.

She maintains, and we believe, rightly, that there never yet was a household with too many trays, and that if women made more and better use of trays, they would be less tired and their work easier and more efficient. Her kitchen is well stocked with light, washable trays, and she even has a special section for their storage, within easy reach, for these are scarcely an hour during the busy days that she doesn't take one from the rack.

When preparing fruit cocktail, tomato juice, or a seafood cocktail first course for dinner, she places the glasses on a tray, which she puts into a especially designed shelf in the refrigerator. Come dinner time comes the whole tray into the dining room, saving countless steps. Some idea works well with a tray, too. Try it for a real time and step saver! Same way, when ready to set the table, glassware,

place a towel on a big tray and it is ready to hold preserves, jars and glasses waiting to be used. Good, too, for picnics. And when you have a baking session, place all the ingredients on a tray, and use another tray when sifting flour. You'll be delighted to find how it eases the cleaning-up job afterwards. When putting the living room to rights take a tray along to hold ash trays, cigarette ends and glasses that have to be cleaned. And when you do the flowers, place them on a tray for cutting, trimming and sorting.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MAKING A CHANGE—At the mouth of the Connecticut River, near Hartford, a section of a drawbridge is floated away on barges. Flooded with water, the barges were manoeuvred under the section, then emptied. When they rose in the water, planks on the barge decks pushed up against the section and freed it from the bridge.



WHAT'S ALL THIS?—Marilyn Stevenson, five months old, looks bewildered as she arrives at New York's LaGuardia Field with her mother. They are en route to Ecorse, Michigan, where her English father, William Stevenson, is working in a car factory.



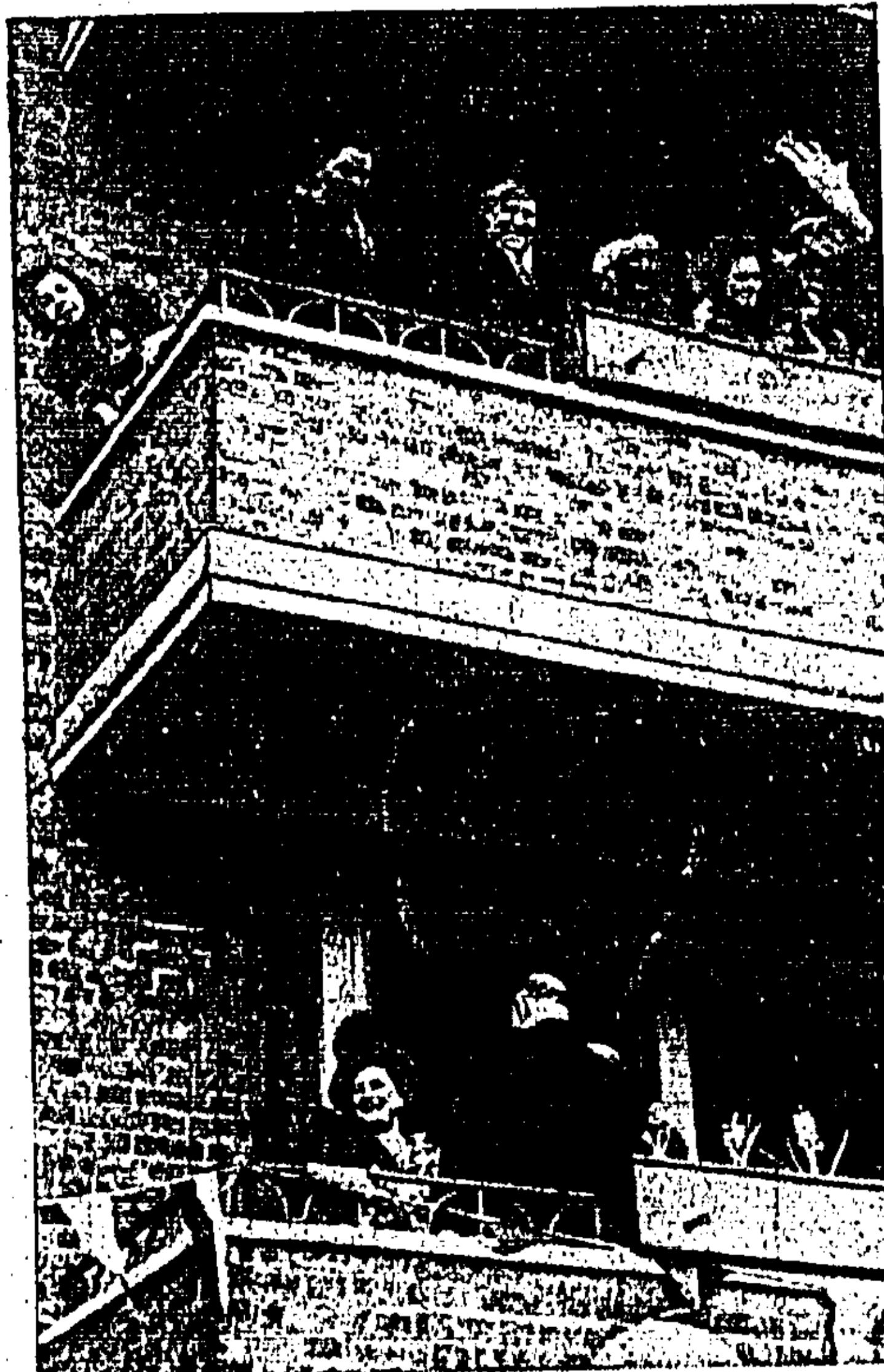
NIGHT LIFE—While fellow fire-fighters enter the building at all levels from the fire escape, a fireman, foreground, prepares to climb to the roof of a theatre on New York's Eighth Avenue. The blaze was of undetermined origin.



DISABLED WELDER—An amputee veteran of Chicago, Illinois, in training at a welding school, demonstrates his ability at the Chicago Production Show. The loss of a hand does not prevent him from becoming an expert welder.



LEAVING FAST—When the Big Blue River overflowed its banks at Beatrice, Nebraska, trucks, cars and all available means of transport were used for evacuating the town. The crowds in the background are seeking some means of transport to higher and safer ground as the flood waters continue to rise.



DIFFERENT GREETINGS—As Queen Elizabeth waves from a balcony in London, while inspecting some new flats, other occupants signal to some of their friends from above.



TUBE STATION—When completed, this will be the Colosseum station of the Rome underground railway. Labourers have been working full time to ensure its completion in 1950, in order to relieve the overcrowded situation of the city's tube system.



NEW USE—Parisian Jeanne Desses uses a cross-cheek scarf as a flat peplum, swings it around into a poncho, then brings it up over the left shoulder.

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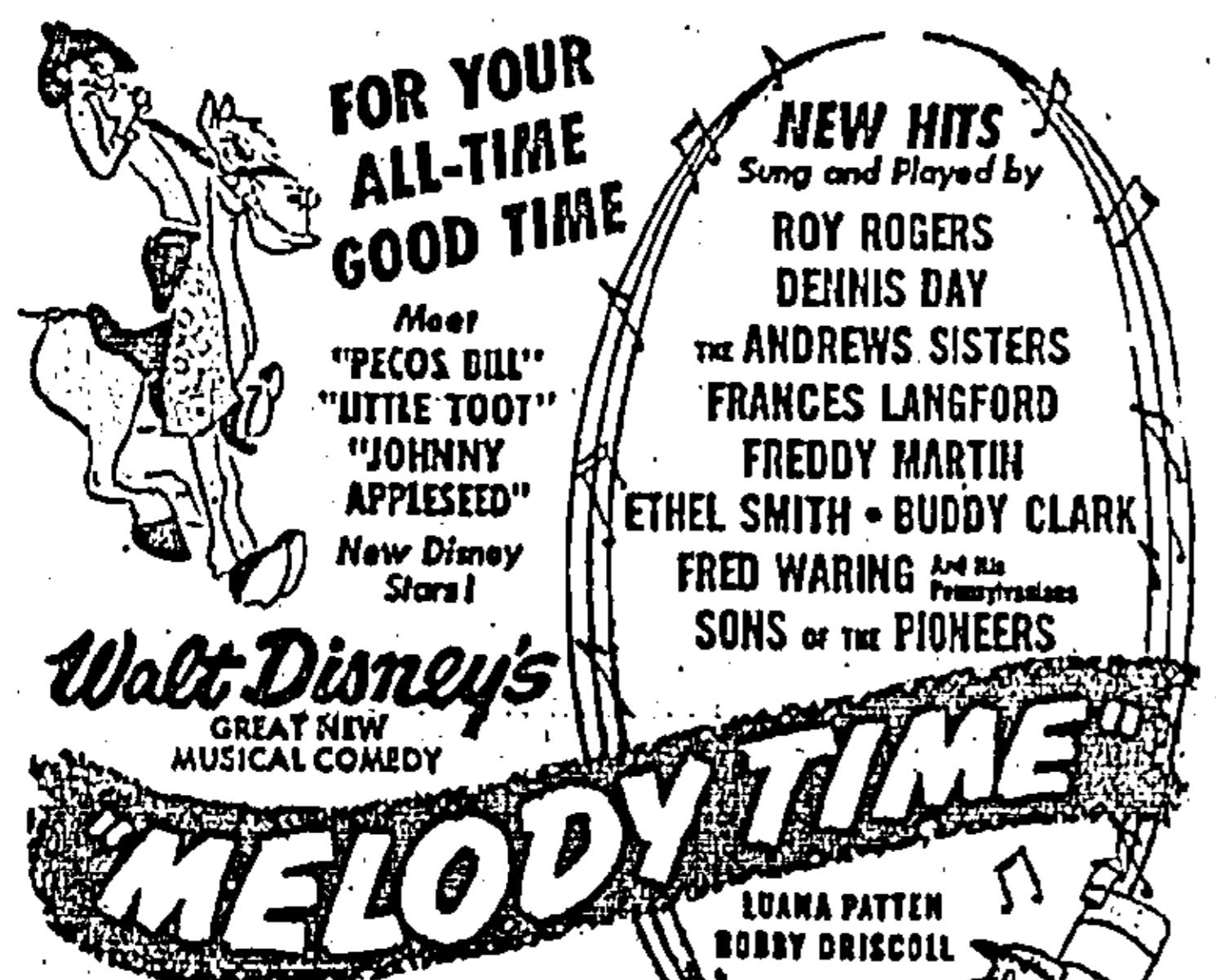
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by JAMES CAMERON

Buenos Aires, Mar. 21.

HERE among the flesh-pots one heard of yet another British meat cut as a thing almost unintelligible far away—and negligible.

This is the land of meat; one sees it, smells it, eats it, argues it. Right now that lost two-penneth for many weeks is browning on grills, turning on spits, lying on tables, and being tipped casually into dustbins all around.

Yet there are meat ships sailing away, empty; the great frigorificos of Buenos Aires are packing no flesh for Britain today.

Before explaining why, I might say that this is all good deal odder to write than you might think. For the visitor to Buenos Aires life is full of doubts and hazards.

Even if he avoids political trouble and escapes disaster from the world's most terrifying traffic, he has still to face the ordeal of the eating house.

The Argentinos are even now producing enormous stocks of magnificent meat, and live on practically nothing else. After a few days of wonderment, the stranger's emotions change from delight to doubt, to despair, eventually to a terrible dread of being asked to lunch on yet another monstrous section of ox.

One finds oneself in a situation tailor-made for Sefton Delmer—it is exactly the reverse of that in England; in Buenos Aires the visitor entreats people to whisper the name of a restaurant where, at a price, there is no chance whatever of getting any steak.

Now, this is all very well for the Argentinos' personal morale, but very bad for their national economic integrity.

Scrap of paper

THIRTEEN months ago the Argentine Republic signed with Britain the Andes Agreement. Under this she undertook to deliver to the United Kingdom 420,000 tons of meat by the end of March, for which we undertook to pay £10 million in advance at the price of 10½d. the kilo (2 1-5lb.).

The end of March is in sight, and now we know that the Argentine is going to shortweight us by more than 70,000 tons.

The Argentine's excuses—when in her mood of inordinate national conceit, she bothered to make any—were offhand and specious.

The arch-finder Miranda, the corpulent little multi-millionaire who ran the Argentine's finances as a sideline to his own titillate business, claimed vaguely drought, labour trouble.

But Miranda, who eventually turned out to be too fantastic a financier even for Peron, was not telling the truth. The Argentine has not got the meat to honour her contract because:

(A) SHE is eating it herself.

(B) SHE is flogging it on the side to other customers; and

(C) SHE is in the frame of mind to be difficult and to drive high bargain with a hard-pressed Britain.

They eat more

THE Argentinos, who adore meat, are now themselves consuming rather more than four times what they export.

There is a Government subsidy for home consumption meat, and steers are now being killed off at 300 kilos instead of going to the frigorificos at the export weight of 500 kilos.

General Peron approves highly of this. He has already made a speech saying he would rather his people ate the fill of meat and exported only 10 percent of their production, instead of 30 percent, as now—a typical example of the woolly rhetoric with which Peron involves his politics and economics.

Incidentally, British people here seldom refer to Juan Domingo Peron by name. He is known allusively, by a straight translation of his first two names, as John Sunday. This is a phenomenon well enough known in countries with as many ears as the Argentine.

The other reason why John Sunday's Government, living as it does in a world of lunatic economics, has failed in the British meat contract is that she has been selling elsewhere—to Belgium, Italy, Holland, without reference to whether she could still do that and honour her obligations to Britain.

They cry constantly that it must be made available in dollars; for a week very little has come out of the trade talks but a shrill squall for convertibility.

This, of course, will not occur;

it may take long enough before

that fact is forced that the currency of Britain is the pound,

violating her neutrality.

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and the currency of the Argentine is the peso, and much cocoa-coloured water will flow down the Rio de la Plata before any Marshall dollars flow down the Calle Cangallo of Buenos Aires.

If the Argentinos had shown any signs of behaving like well-meaning world citizens, one could weep for the deplorable chaos of their economy.

No figures have been published for six months; the country bitterly assumes that magistrate Miranda kept the books in his head. The rigid system of export-imports imposed in 1947 goes on, there is practically no flow of trade at all.

In the past the Argentine always sold to Britain three times more than she bought from us, now nothing comes in from Britain at all.

The United States has almost refused to buy Argentine meat, and the shady deals with the Continent are part of the come-back.

Meanwhile, Britain, which ate 2,700,000 tons of beef 10 years ago, when her population was 47 million, now has a population of three million more eating 600,000 tons less.

One of the hardest things to find out in this city of argument and impasses is what is happening to the Anglo-Argentine trade talks which have been going on since February 22.

The little knots of baffled Englishmen are still scattered around their committees in Buenos Aires, but from their offices comes only a faint troubled hum, of which the only distinguishable words are "beef" and "dollars."

The inference is that they are getting nowhere fast.

And for me now there awaits no coupon, no tenpennyorth—the prospect, the intimidating challenge just-once-more of baby beef a la cabana.

Somewhere, between nationalism and necessity, there must be a better way of doing business than that.

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RADAR FOR SWEDEN IS HELD UP

From SELKIRK PANTON in Stockholm

BRITAIN has delayed delivery of millions of pounds' worth of radar equipment which the Swedes want for their armed forces.

The Swedes have had no explanation for the delay, but they believe there are three reasons for it:

1. America's policy that arms should not be supplied to neutral European States and to those who stay out of the Atlantic Pact.

2. American criticism of Britain for selling Vampire jet fighters to Sweden.

3. A recent statement by Swedish Defence Minister Vogt that in wartime Sweden might have to use arms supplied by Britain and America to shoot down British and U.S. planes violating her neutrality.

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William Hickey

London. **WHO** will spare a tear for **LORD GRETTON**—his life and hard times?

His lordship—the 46-year-old director of one of the famous Burton breweries—is trying to struggle along on £800,000, all that is left after death duties of the £2 million his father left him in 1947.

With that sum Lord Gretton is doing his best to maintain Stapleford Park, Melton Mowbray, in the heart of the hunting country.

Like the Mountbattens before him, he is finding it tough going.

Fifty gardeners and servants,

600 acres of grazing land, and a further 3,400 acres sub-let to

tenant farmers, constitute a high

upkeep bill. His neighbours in the hunting county look on his

labours with sympathy. They

are finding that an Englishman's castle is not always his most easily run home.

In nearby Belvoir Castle the Duke and Duchess of Rutland live in a small suite—the rest of the place is packed with Government records.

Syston Lodge, where Mr. Churchill has often stayed, five miles away, is now owned by the Holwell Iron Works, Craven Lodge, another erstwhile stately home, is a country club.

Lord Gretton's plight is exceptional. His father left £2,302,972—and the estate duties payable (£2,507,863) were nearly £300,000 above that figure.

And all because of the "missing million."

For the first baron slipped up in estimating the date of his own death. He gave his son shares in the brewery, worth over £1 million during his lifetime. But he left it too late; the gifts were made within five years of his death and were therefore liable to duty. The present baron had to pay up.

And so Lord Gretton roams his estate, tall, florid, wearing ill-fitting, soft white collars, an old-fashioned tiepin—and a wretched look.

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tenant, who has replaced the orthodox "gentry" among the riders to hounds.

In the bar of the George Hotel at Melton Mowbray is a hunting print of 1933. Underneath a piece of Victorian wishful-thinking, "Let us suppose ourselves at Ashby Pasture in the Quorn country, with Mr. Osborne's hounds, in the first week of February, and at least 200 well-mounted men by the cover's side."

In the first week of February, 1949, there were not more than 40 out with the Quorn—and the tenant farmers outdid the landed gentry by five to one.

about east down by this chill wind which blows over the Quorn?

Not much.

LESSON

in modesty; SIR DONALD BAILEY, lecturing to the Supply Ministry, had to refer about 100 times to his famous bridge.

Each time he said, formally, "The Bailey Bridge," never once slipped into "my bridge."

TO TOWN

came the most highly paid brains of the British composing world—they make £50,000 a year between the five of them—for a lesson in music-making.

There was ARTHUR BLISS, who composed the famous ballet "Miracle in the Gorbals"; WILLIAM Henry V. and Horn-lot WALTON, with his new Argentine bride, floppy-tied ALAN RAWSTHORPE, ex-Army sergeant whose violin concertos are now an American "precious" HUMPHREY SEARLE, who puts on those Third Programme recitals, and ELIZABETH LUTYENS, daughter of the late SIR EDWIN LUTYENS, who thinks up complicated modernistic pictures while cooking the meals for her five children.

What brought them away from the composing bench? An opera at the Albert Hall called "WOZZECK," by an Austrian named ALBAN BERG. It sounds simple when you read the plot: a might Army recruit murders his sweetheart from jealousy, then throws himself in a pond. But the music is 12-toned, which means that it has no recognisable harmony, and it wails and screams like a dervish dance.

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audience looked stunned at first, then stayed to clap for ten minutes.

THERE

is a clash of opinion to explain the RITA HAYWORTH flop in the "Loves of Carmen," taken off after three lukewarm weeks in the West End.

ON OUR LEFT, The Moralists—who interpret it as public disapproval for the star's spectacular sprees before instead of after her marriage to the man she travelled with.

ON OUR RIGHT, The So-Called Realists—who say simply: "Dreadful film—that's all. Put her in a good one and they'll roll up all right, morally or no."

The Realists have a strong case. "Carmen" took a flogging from the critics. Practically alone among them LEONARD MOSLEY at least was praised by faint daps.

The Realists point also to Mr. Mitchum's Cigarette Case, ROBERT MITCHUM—to whom the adjective "droop-eyed" now goes as automatically as "Swan" with "Edgar"—has found that a good sentence for smoking drug cigarettes can be a great boost to business. In America "Rachel and the Stranger, in which he stars, pulled the girls in better than any of his other films. Over in England, "Rachel" is now on general release—and certainly no flop.

ERROL FLYNN, too, has had his moments of embarrassment, but not noticeably to the detriment of his standard of living.

Maybe, in the films, as in life, you don't expect the same standards from a man as from a woman.



'Where's The Meat?' Riddle UK FARMERS PUZZLED

Ration Could Be Bigger Claim

London, Apr. 3.—Fears that Britain's tiny meat ration will soon shrink to even more meagre dimensions worried housewives last week—and puzzled the nation's farmers.

Harassed housewives asked: "How can we feed our families properly if the ration is cut again?" Farmers, studying the matter technically, asked: "Where is the meat?"

This Little Piggy Survived Atom Bomb

Washington, Apr. 3.—Pic No. 311 of the Bikini atom bomb test has been discharged from United States Naval laboratories as entirely normal and healthy—except that she can't have any piglets.

The Navy said, however, that her sterility had not necessarily been caused by atomic radiation. Ordinarily, the Navy said, enough gamma rays to cause sterility would also kill the victim.

Pic No. 311, who will take up life in a zoo here, is one of several score of pigs subjected to the 1946 Bikini tests for experimental purposes.

She was on the main deck of a ship near the centre of the bomb burst, and her survival astonished the experts. — United Press.

Former HK Residents' Dream Boat' Planned In Jap POW Camp

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT

London, Apr. 3.—A dream which began in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp over seven years ago will come true for two former members of the Hongkong Yacht Club when a gleaming, cream-coloured yacht sails on her maiden voyage from Lympstone, Hampshire, in a few weeks' time.

The story behind this voyage began on Christmas Day, 1941, when Mr. Duncan Campbell, an electrical engineer in the RN Dockyard at Hongkong, and Major Alan Mills, second-in-command of the Dockyard defence corps, were captured by the Japanese.

They spent almost four years in captivity preparing the plans for the super-yacht which would build when they were free to sail again. The design was agreed upon, and the drawings were carefully hidden from their Japanese guards.

After their release in August, 1945, they brought the plans back to England, and work began on the yacht. It is an 11-ton auxiliary cruiser, 37 ft. 6 ins. long overall, with a 12 h.p. auxiliary engine, and four fitted berths.

At the launching ceremony, Mrs. Campbell, who with Mrs. Mills was interned ten miles from her husband's prison camp, broke a bottle of champagne over the yacht's bows, and named it "Relese."

Now Mr. Campbell and Major Mills, who with two others are joint owners of the yacht, are planning to spend a cruising holiday together.

BEACHED VESSEL TOWED TO PORT

Dover, Apr. 3.—The steamer *Selskar*, registered in Eire, reached Dover Harbour in tow today. The vessel was beached off Walmer on Friday eight hours after she had been holed below the waterline in a collision with the Swedish vessel *Nordic* (2,445 tons), in dense fog in the Thames Estuary. Reuter.

Mandalay Retaken

(Continued from Page 1)

terday of the representatives of the Socialist and "Yellow Band" People's Volunteer Organisation.

Those members of the Cabinet who resigned included the Foreign Minister, Kyaw Nyein. The two new appointments were necessary to restore law and order in Burma at an early date and to the holding of free and fair elections at the earliest possible date, it was stated.

No announcement was made on the posts these new Ministers will fill.—Reuter.

"Peace Conference" Picketed



Stage Set For London Elections

London, Apr. 3.—Socialists and

Conservatives have mobilised their total forces for Thursday's London County Council elections—a vital phase of the impending nation-wide party struggle for control of local government.

The Conservatives hope to end the Socialists' 15-year domination of the London County Council and to start a landslide in local contests which will be held throughout Britain in the next few weeks to elect 30,000 councillors.

This "general election" in local government, the first of its kind, has been caused by the compression of all contests into one short period. Formerly they were spread over the year. It will start with elections for England's 61 County Councils, to begin on Monday. Between next week and May 14, contests will also be held in the 28 London boroughs, 392 County and non-county boroughs, 572 Urban Councils, 473 rural district councils, 33 Scottish County Councils, and 100 Scottish burgh councils.

Meanwhile, travellers from North China reported that more than 3,000 University students suspected of anti-Communist thinking have been massed in a huge concentration camp near Peking.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"No more valentines for me—I sent three last year, and every one of the girls started talking about what's the best time of year to get married!"

MAH-JONG SEQUEL

Shop Foki Stabbed

The fatal sequel of a mah-jong game in the central district on September 29 last was recalled when Ngai Pak-chuen, 26, salarman, of the Wah On Stationery and Provisions Store, 20 Pottinger Street, was charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Criminal Sessions this morning with the murder of Lo Kin, cousin and co-fooki of the accused.

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It was also the submission of the Crown, Mr. Hooton continued, that from the nature of the injuries, accused made the attack without deceased having the remotest possibility of defending himself in any way.

The trial is proceeding.

No Aid For Areas Held By Reds

US Senator May Press For China Debate

Washington, Apr. 3.—Senator William F. Knowland said today that he would call for a full dress debate on the Administration's China policy unless his proposal to bar aid to Communist areas was quickly accepted.

MacBride Presents A Poser

Dublin, Eire, Apr. 3.—The first poser on the interpretation of the Atlantic Pact is to be raised by Mr. Sean MacBride, the Eire External Affairs Minister, now on his way to the United States, and observers call it "typically Irish."

It is this: If Eire joined, would the Atlantic Pact perpetuate the partition of Ireland by guaranteeing the integrity of the frontier with Northern Ireland?

It is expected to be raised when Mr. MacBride sees Mr. D. Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, on April 11. It is regarded here as a neat point which the powers possibly did not foresee when the pact was drafted.

PERTINENT ARTICLE

Article 4 says: "The parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened."

On one interpretation, Eire can never become a party to the pact, usually reliable sources say, as she will never guarantee the integrity of the frontier with Northern Ireland.

That would be regarded as recognising the partition, which she has consistently refused to do since it was established 20 years ago.

If Ireland could become a State governed from the United States—Reuter.

Technically the entire programme lapsed at midnight on Saturday, when the previous legislation ended. But no real break is expected, and shipments of materials previously purchased will be continued without interruption.—United Press.

Dublin, Mr. MacBride would be prepared to pledge its support for the Atlantic Pact and the Western Union. Mr. MacBride hopes to explain Eire's attitude as widely as possible.

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Radio Hongkong

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GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING

BUCKS OUTCLASSES
TOMMY SCOLLINSPulling Awarded An
Unpopular Decision

By "KAYO CURLY"

Boxing fans who packed the China Fleet Club Theatre on Saturday night to witness the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament were treated to an evening of tall and fancy slugging when a seven-fight card provided abundant thrills and tension-packed ring drama.

Every fight on the programme was highlighted by action-jammed battles which brought the house to its feet on many occasions in expectation of a knockout finish.

A capacity crowd jammed the Fleet Club arena for the big fistic show. Fight fans sat through six preliminary bouts and a weight-lifting exhibition before they were brought on to their toes by one of the classiest performances in the local ring in postwar boxing.

Ramsey Bucks, pride of Hong Kong and son of the famous Iron Bux of renown, coasted to an easy points decision over Petty Officer Tommy Scollins of HMS "London" in the main bout of the night. Bucks was poetry in motion as he bobbed and weaved away from his opponent's sporadic attacks and then countered with lightning two-fisted assaults on his rival's head and body.

Bucks put in a scintillating performance of footwork, ring craft, two-fisted punching, and dodging which completely outclassed, and outwitted his slower opponent.

There was no doubt after the initial round what the final decision would be. Bucks sized up Scollins in the first stanza in an evenly fought round and then proceeded to run away with the fight in the next five counts to chalk up an easy points decision.

Bucks scaled in at 135½ lbs. at going time while Scollins tipped the balance at 132 lbs. The buzz of the expectant crowd filled the arena as the two combatants received instructions from Referee Bill Storrie.

FIRST ROUND

The first round saw Bucks cautiously weighing his opponent's style before he commenced his attack on Scollins' face in brief two-fisted attacks. Bucks was grease lightning. In the ring and backed away from several rushes by the hefty-punching Scollins on numerous occasions during this count.

Scollins got in several walloping clouts to Bucks' face but missed several haymakers as the weedy Bucks eluded him. Bo fighters were on the offensive, when the bell changed to end an even round.

SECOND ROUND

Bucks came out for the second canto and immediately tagged Scollins with several concentrated jabbing forays to the head. He caught Scollins on the right eye with a stinging wallop which apparently weakened his opponent.

Ramsey began to find weak links in his rival's defense and proceeded to hammer away at the soft spots. The fighters were locked in several clinches and the crafty Ramsey took advantage of these tangles to punish his rival with a thumping body attack. This was Bucks' round.

THIRD ROUND

Ramsey came out for the third canto with gusto and continued his concentrated punishing attacks on Scollins' eyes and head. Short jabs began to soften Scollins.

Bucks drew a big ovation from the crowd when he skillfully dodged away from Scollins when the latter forced him to the ropes and was moving in for a slugfest.

Bucks bounced off the ropes just when Scollins uncorked his punches and retaliated with a stinging jab offensive on the Petty Officer's head. Bucks also won this round going away.

FOURTH ROUND

The fourth round rolled up and here Bucks began his systematic assaults on his opponent and began to weaken him for an expected K.O. Scollins was sluggish in this canto and appeared to have tired considerably while Bucks was still full of vitality. In fact, Scollins was moving around the ring in a dazed condition and was easy prey for Bucks' speedy forays. Bucks' round again.

FIFTH ROUND

Bucks waded in for the fifth round at the sound of the fifth gong. He bashed Scollins on the head with clever jabs and short punches. Scollins appeared to

be out on his feet but rallied strongly towards the end of the canto to jostle Bucks with several unloping smashes to the face.

The crowd was yelling for a K.O. but Bucks was still waiting for a good opening to dust off his groggy opponent. Had he been more alert, Ramsey would have finished the bout in this round. However, he took the canto in grand style.

FINAL ROUND

The sixth and final round brought the tense crowd to its feet yelling for action and they got their money's worth. Bucks went to town in this stanza and hammered away at his leg-weary rival at ease.

Scollins maintained his stout guard against the withering assault dished up by his superior opponent and even came back to land several volleys to Bucks' head.

Ramsey, however, finished strongly in a whirlwind blitzkreig which battered his game rival to a standstill. The decision went to Bucks hands down.

It was a popular victory and fully deserved. Credit must go to Trainer Skelly Razack and Seconds Sherry Bucks and Leonard Elarte for their capable management of their slugging hero.

\$64 QUESTION

Local boxing fans were given a rare opportunity of comparing the performances of Bob Pulling, pride of the Royal Navy and erstwhile undefeated champion of local boxing, and Bucks on the same fight card.

Pulling won an unpopular decision from A. B. Chance in a prelude to the main bout.

The relative exhibitions dispensed by Pulling and Bucks thrown into the melting pot of boxing bring up the \$64 question of the moment. Can Pulling stand up to Bucks in the local ring?

MALIC V. O'SHEA

Hongkong's boxers drew first blood when the fight card commenced. Alfred Malic (136) whipped Gunner O'Shea (130) of the Royal Artillery in a three-round scuffle which almost bordered on a knockout.

Malic gave his opponent the run of the mill in savage attacks in the final canto after O'Shea had rallied strongly in the second round. Lack of alertness by Malic gave him a points decision.

LIU V. PRIEST

Fifteen-year-old Liu Hongkong, son of popular local sportsman C. Quie and trained by Bob Pulling, scored a popular points triumph over A. B. Priest of HMS "Belfast" in the second bout of the evening.

Liu, fighting southpaw, concentrated in his opponents' midriff with great effect and had Priest on the verge of a K.O. at the final bell.

Liu was fast and walloped his rival with some thumping clouts which softened Priest's man.

Liu should go a long way in local ring history.

WILLIAMS V. UPJOHN

The third fight was featured by a TKO. Petty Officer Williams (180) of HMS "London," the heavyweight class, put George Upjohn down for the K.O. in the third round after he had severely punished his rival in the earlier cantos.

Paris, Apr. 3.—The Vienna Football Club and the Racing Club de Paris drew at two goals each at the Colombes Stadium here today. At half-time Austria was leading by one goal to nil. Habitzl scored both Austria's goals, and Bielek netted for Switzerland.

The match was played in fine weather before 300,000 spectators. Austria, playing with superior skill, deserved their win. Their forwards and halves played with sparkle and cohesion, while the Swiss team did not combine well.—Reuter.

NEW TENNIS STARS



Nancy Chasse (left) Ventura, Calif., and Gertrude Moran, Santa Monica, California, smile with happiness after reaching the finals in the women's national indoor tennis championships held in New York.—AP Wirephoto.

Colony Players One Up In Exhibition Tennis

The Exhibition tennis matches against the India-China players at the Chinese Recreation Club over the week-end saw Hongkong win three of five games, largely through an excellent display by the Colony Champion, Ip Koon-hung, who beat both Van Sau and Webb in singles matches.

Ip beat Van Sau, Indo-China's Number One and a top grade player by French national standards, 8-6, 6-3 yesterday. On Saturday he beat Duong, a Class II player by French national standards, 6-3, 6-0.

Both Van Sau and Duong have had fair amount of experience against players of international tournament calibre and were in demand for tournaments in France where they played these against the best competition.

Both Van Sau and Duong, however, proved superior to the Colony's No. 3, Tsui Yun-pui, who, surprisingly, put up a better show against Indo-China's No. 1, carrying him to three sets to lose 4-6, 6-4, 2-6. Yesterday, the younger Tsui lost to Duong by a score of 1-6, 2-6.

BEST YET TO COME

Hongkong is now one match up as a result of Ip Koon-hung and Tsui Wan-pui beating the Indo-Chinese pair 7-5, 6-4.

The best matches of the series are yet to come with the arrival of Dubuc, ranking French player, when there will be two afternoons of the exhibition games at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Wednesday and Thursday.

For these matches, Hongkong will put into the fray the Cambridge half-Blue, W. C. Choy, who has now been here for some time but has not taken part in the Colony Championships. Choy is a player of international standard. Recently, he proved too good for the Singapore Singles Champion on a visit there.

Australians Beat Swiss

Lausanne, Apr. 3.—Austria beat Switzerland by two goals to one in a soccer international here today. At half-time Austria was leading by one goal to nil. Habitzl scored both Austria's goals, and Bielek netted for Switzerland.

The match was played in fine weather before 300,000 spectators. Austria, playing with superior skill, deserved their win. Their forwards and halves played with sparkle and cohesion, while the Swiss team did not combine well.—Reuter.

Vienna Draws With Paris

Paris, Apr. 3.—The Vienna Football Club and the Racing Club de Paris drew at two goals each at the Colombes Stadium here today. At half-time, Vienna led by two goals to zero. Hartl and Sobotka scored for Vienna and Leduc and Vanast for the Racing Club.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL

Results of League basketball games played over the weekend at Caroline Hill were:

"A" Division—Kowloon Chinese YMCA beat Swatow Overseas 48-30; Black Cat beat Lau Sing 37-33.

"B" Division—Chinese reporters beat Black and White 50-41; HK Chinese YMCA beat Lau Sing 43-33.

Ladies League—Kowloon Chinese YMCA beat HK Chinese YMCA 12-10.

The match between Kung Man and Heung Tao School was postponed.

French Badminton Championships

Paris, Apr. 3.—Eve Lelong, of Malaya, won the men's singles title in the French international badminton championships here today, beating his fellow countryman, Yves Baudoin (France) 19-0, 10-8, and Eve defeated Foo Sun Lau (Malaya) 15-0, 15-5.—Reuter.

Easy Victory For HKCC In Hancock Shield Match

By "RECODER"

Though reinforced by Alan Stepto at his fastest and best, the Kowloon Cricket Club lacked the bat in the second match of the Hancock Shield series played over the week-end at Chater Road and lost by 10 wickets.

HKCC won the match twice. First at 12.10 p.m. on Sunday when they passed the KCC first innings total of 131 with four wickets in hand and then again at 5 p.m. when Howard and Franklin scored 28 runs off two overs. It had been agreed that the match would be decided on first innings if two innings could not be completed.

KCC's first innings started with Davidson, their main batting hope, being run out on a bad call with the scoreboard showing 13. With 27 on the board, Archie Zimmern was clean bowled by Mahon while attempting a big hit.

Then the HKCC, always short of bowlers and always experimenting with someone new, put on G. T. Rowe, never made much use of the Optimists for whom he turns out regularly.

Rowe kept a good length with his slow ball coming in on a high trajectory on a fast wicket and, before having completed his 15th over, had claimed seven wickets for 35 runs, four of these clean bowled.

The KCC batting tried hard enough, Barrow, who opened, stayed for 101 minutes for 17 runs. Hart-Baker carried his bat for 22. Webb managed 18 in a brighter knock and Stepto 15. Even the tall wagged, the ball was brighter than its usual, but Kibbe was in trying to score his second century in Hancock.

MORNING AFTER

Things did not go well on Sunday morning for KCC. They never seem to go well for the bowling side at Chater road on a sunny morning. Stepto wasn't quite as devastating as he had been in the cool of the evening and Robbie Lee and Davidson bowled over after over to see Rowe, who had been four not out overnight, carry his score to 24 before being stumped by Webb.

Webb, despite the fact that the HKCC total of 220, was doing a good job behind the sticks. The HKCC fielding, despite the handicapping shadow effects all over the field, was brighter than its usual, but Kibbe was in trying to score his second century in Hancock.

By the time he was leg before to Robbie Lee, he had reached 51. Pearce and Newton followed with 33 and 31 each and it took another spell of Stepto to dislodge them. Stepto finally claimed Howard to make it seven for 88 in 22.4 overs, a good performance against the type of batsmen who hit rather than poke.

KCC's second innings, starting shortly before 3 p.m., was miserable indeed. It started with a double spell of Pearce, who claimed both of his wickets in the first over, a good length ball coming in from leg accounted for Strokes, bending the leg stick right back.

Before the evening was over, Stepto had completed his 100 wickets for the season in one of his best bowling spells in a long time against batting of Interport standard.

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DEVASTATING

Alan Stepto opened the bowling for KCC in devastating fashion. His first ball never touched grass till it had travelled well over, first slip's head and fell just short of the screen.

After that, outside of an occasional wide, he was bowling very much on the wicket and his first wicket came with the scoreboard showing seven for the HKCC as for the first time ever he claimed Len Stokes's wicket. A good length ball coming in from leg accounted for Stokes, bending the leg stick right back.

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BOWLING

W. M. Davidson, b Rowe 22
A. Madar, b Rowe 4
A. Stepto, c Franklin, b Rowe 13
G. T. Rowe, c Franklin, b Rowe 8
V. C. Bondi, c Call, b Rowe 8
R. E. Lee, c Oliver, b Rowe 7
Extras 23

Total 131

BOWLING

O M R W
Mahon 12 8 17 1
Call 11 4 33 1
Kerr 5 1 16 1
Rowe 14.5 3 35 7
Pearce 3 3 3 3

HKCC-1st Innings

L.F. Stokes, b Stepto 2
O.J. Kerr, lwb Stepto 3
N.R. Oliver, b Stepto 31
R.W. Franklin, b Stepto 8
L.D. Kilbee, lwb Lee 51
G.T. Rowe, b Hart-Baker 24

T.A. Pearce, b Stepto 33
H.M. Newton, c Barrow, b Stepto 31
R.S. Call, lwb Lee 10
W.L. Howard, b Stepto 2
T.P. Mahon, not out 34

Extras 15

Total 220

BOWLING

O M R W
Mahon 5 2 10 0
Call 5 0 14 4
Kerr 0 1 41 4
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Pearce 1 0 11 0

Total 110

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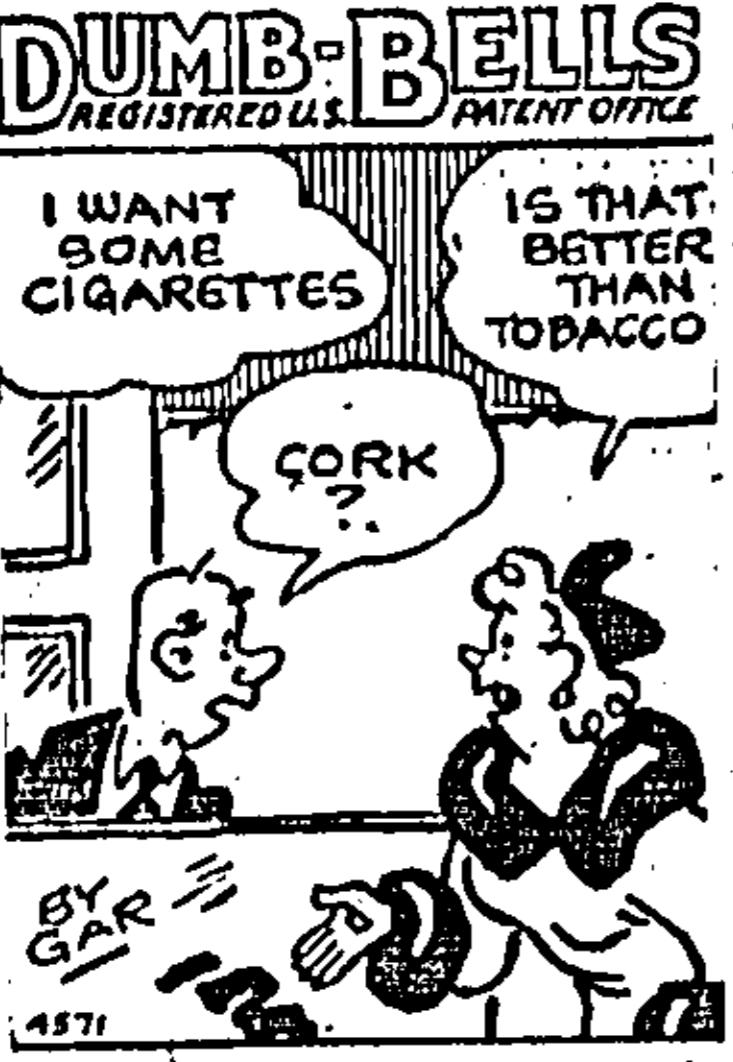
His Poker Theories Injected in Bridge

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE ambition of every American actor is to appear on Broadway. Recently, when Joe Ferrer was in my apartment, we were discussing his unusual achievement. He is the star of the Broadway play, "The Silver Whistle," and at the same time he is being seen in one of the leading roles of the motion picture, "Joan of Arc," at two different Broadway theatres.

Mr Ferrer said that bridge and poker are the salvation of theatrical people on long train journeys when on tour. In his bridge he employs the same principle that he brings out in "The Silver Whistle"—that of bringing joy and happiness into the lives of others. He will not play cards with people who do not play for the fun they get out of it. To argue with Joe is to lose a bridge partner.

He likes to inject his poker theories into the bridge game, as he did in today's hand. Not



AROUND THE WORLD

Visit to the Original Spa

By TEMPLE MANNING

SINCE "spa" has become a common noun meaning watering resort, it is interesting to visit the place that made the word. That place is Spa in the Ardennes district of Belgium. For centuries, in fact, since the remote pre-Christian era when Flavius the Elder lived, Spa has been famous for its health-giving waters. So it isn't very astonishing that Spa, with its 16 natural fountains, has become a by-word for a health resort.

Even if it did not possess health-giving water, Spa would be well worth a visit, if only because of its setting. The beautiful little town is set in thickly wooded hills some 900 feet above sea level. There are no factories and no industrial plants, but there is a creaker-neck golf course and a beautifully landscaped race track. No wonder that during the first World War, the Kaiser and his henchmen moved their headquarters to the outskirts of Spa, and from their luxurious quarters in a palatial hotel issued their orders to their men in the trenches. It was in this hotel, the Britannique, that the Kaiser signed the act of abdication from the German throne.

At the lower end of the town is one of the main fountains set in a beautiful building, and



The Casino at Spa

when life was more international, one could watch a building full of the great and near great as well as just plain people, busily sipping the water.

Visitors liked to sit at a roughly hewn stone table in the centre of the room, the very table at which Peter the Great, Czar of Russia, used to sit while taking the euro in 1717. Several pillars divide the pump room from the Orne Winter Garden, one wall of which is covered by an enormous canvas depicting the Golden Book of Spa, paintings of the great who have made their way to the watering place during the centuries.

Concerts Given

Spa does things nicely. The bathing plant, that handles the health waters, and which is also the headquarters for the company that controls the springs and baths, is set in a beautiful building that is tucked away in a beautiful garden bright with landscaped flower beds and shrubs, a handsome park. Not far up the street is the Casino with the usual complement of gaming rooms, plus a ballroom, a film theatre, tea room and restaurant.

Next to the Casino is the elaborate Bath House, which fronts on the Place Royale where concerts are given several evenings a week. On other nights there are concerts at a park, aptly named the Seven O'Clock Park, aptly named because it is the favourite after-dinner strolling place.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

With wonder. In the farthest corner was a glow of golden light from a tiny fire. A shower of sparks was flying up as a blacksmith, no more than a foot high, stood working. "Look!" Knarf cried.

Hand shook her head. "But there's no blacksmith in this house, Knarf. And besides, there aren't any horses. And besides, even if there were horses, why should they need horse-shoes in the middle of the night? And besides—"

But Knarf said he was going to find out where the sounds came from and he crept out into the hallway and then up the stairs toward the attic. Hand followed him.

The clanging sound kept getting louder and louder.

Attic Stairs

At the head of the attic stairs, Knarf stopped. He waited until Hand came up to him. "It's in there," he whispered.

"But how can a blacksmith be in our attic?" Hand asked in astonishment.

Knarf pushed the door open on a crack and motioning Hand to follow, walked inside. Through the dusty window, far at the other end, a bit of moonlight shown on the old trunks and boxes and heaps of books that no one read any more. But suddenly Knarf saw something that made him start.

White & pieces.

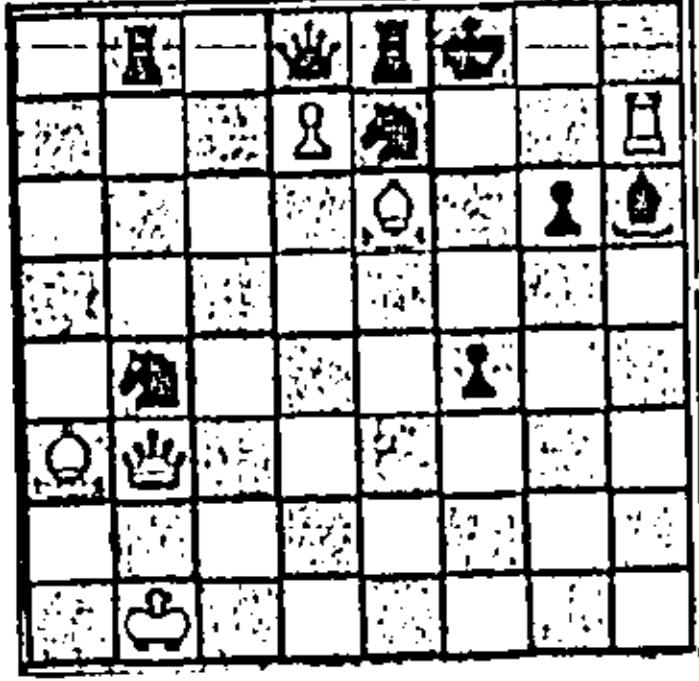
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. K—K2. 1 . . . KtXKt; 2. Q—B2 (ch); 3. Kt—K5; 2. Kt—B4; 4. V. Kt—R4; 2. Kt—Q1; 5. B3.

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON

Black, 9 pieces.



Rupert's Elf Bell—52



Now that their journey is finished the little pair are tucked back inside the rocks where we first saw them," asks Rupert. The elf smiles. "You might not find your way from there," he says. "There'll be a very thick fog up there until we've finished our work, so I'll take you much nearer your own cottage." Leading the way along to the last end of a side passage, he makes Rupert and Bill and the elf guide perch on a steep sloping boulder while he preses on a handle.

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Then, just as they started running toward this wonderful blacksmith in the attic, the moon went behind a cloud—and everything disappeared in the inky darkness. The clanging stopped at the same instant. There was only silence of the sleepy night. There was nothing for Knarf and Hand to do but to creep downstairs and go to sleep.

And the next morning, when Knarf and Hand went up to the attic again (for they were still curious to know whether they had really seen a blacksmith or had only been dreaming), they reached the attic door again and peered inside. It was much lighter now. They could see the trunks and boxes and heaps of books that no one read any more, very plainly and in the corner where they had seen the blacksmith at work, they saw only an old picture faded and covered with dust and under it were the words: "The Village Blacksmith." When they brushed the dust away, they saw a picture of the blacksmith holding up the horse's foot as he fitted on the new horse-shoe.

The Vanishing American

By Harry F. O'Neill

1. They are made to amuse one's

2. Giving way. (10) 3. Help! (3)

4. Sounds as though it makes the

5. Not a private hospital. (6)

6. Be this. (6) and become false. (4)

7. See it across. (6) Blackard. (4)

8. Upset things. (6) (1) (4)

9. Unfreeze. (4) 17. Shock. (10)

10. Leave out the order to it. (14)

11. Upset things. (6) (1) (4)

12. Looks like a second note. (9)

13. Often put on the spot. (8)

14. Down

15. A well-known ruling body found

16. In the club makers' workshop

17. Upset things three and you might

get a nice outburst. (6)

18. Sharp, mornings. (6)

19. Wander. (6)

20. Often put on the spot. (8)

21. Across

22. Play risks still tangy. (8)

23. Dialect. (8)

24. A broken rail. (4)

25. This is only a temporary

expansion. (7)

26. Often arrives before the storm. (4)

27. Its point is driven home. (6)

28. This is only a temporary

representation of a fact. (4)

29. It might improve your hearing. (9)

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NO SENATE VOTE ON ERP EXTENSION

Mr. Hoffman's Warning

Washington, Apr. 3.—On the eve of the expiry of the first year of Marshall aid, the United States Senate last night adjourned until tomorrow without reaching a final vote on the Bill to extend the European Recovery Programme for another year.

The adjournment followed a warning from the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, that the aid authorisations would lapse into a vacuum if the Senate did not act by today.

As the eighth day of the debate closed, the Democratic Senate leader, Senator Scott W. Lucas, of Illinois, said he would press for a final vote on Monday. Senator Harry Cain (Republican, Washington) attacked statements by Mr. Hoffman that Britain was not using American dollars for "social experimentation."

Earlier Senator Allen J. Ellender (Democrat) had proposed an amendment that 25 percent of the money received by European countries through their internal sale of American supplies be used to buy strategic materials for the United States.

In Paris, Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Aid Ambassador-at-large, paid a tribute tonight to the "hard and intelligent work by the Government and people of Western Europe," which had resulted in increased production in factories, mines and agriculture during the past 12 months.

SPLENDID PROGRESS

In a recorded broadcast review of the progress of Marshall Aid during 1948, Mr. Harriman declared: "Western Europe has made a splendid progress" towards improving its economic situation.

The European nations had been making good their promise to work together toward a common solution of their common problems.

The approach they took was unprecedented in European history, he declared. "For centuries, Europe had been dominated by separatism, division and distrust. Today, the representatives of nineteen separate political units are linking their efforts in a unified endeavour to remake their economic life.

"Twelve months' experience with this new approach has proved its worth. The European nations are developing new methods of co-operative action."

In Brussels, M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Premier, paid in a special broadcast today to mark the first anniversary of the Economic Co-operation Administration that few events had been more important for Europe and the world.

FAITH IN FUTURE

During the celebration, which was broadcast by "Voice of America," M. Spaak affirmed his faith in the peaceful future of the world. It would be a world in which Europe, healed of her wounds, strengthened by her trials, and intimately united, will be able to contribute effectively to the development of the well-being of the world," he declared.

"A year ago, through the generosity and clairvoyance of the Americans, there was born an organization to galvanize the courage and hopes of all those who knew that economic chaos and misery constituted a constant menace to peace," he added.

In Berlin, General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, declared today that the 12 months of the European Recovery Programme had seen a great advance in the economic recovery of Western Germany. "Western Germany has once more been given the prospect, by matching hard work with the assistance given, of standing on her own feet," he said.

ACHIEVING SALVATION

"Additional imports of food and raw materials have begun to pour in," he said. "Material assistance is not the only benefit which the Germans had derived from the Programme. Not less important is the opportunity which has been given to the Germans of taking part in the common effort of the Western nations, by mutual assistance and co-operation, to achieve their own salvation."

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TOGETHER AGAIN



President Truman (left) takes the arm of Mr. Winston Churchill after Britain's wartime Prime Minister arrived for dinner at Blair House, temporary Washington residence of the chief executive.—AP Picture.

Probable Features Of Britain's Budget Anticipated

London, Apr. 3.—The biggest question asked here about next Wednesday's Budget, the last that can exert much influence on a general election, is whether it will be a wholly economic or partly political one.

With Sir Stafford Cripps as Chancellor of the Exchequer, there will not be much yielding to political pressure, but there may be some. On the Government's own Economic Survey of the prospects of the investment account, there should, if anything, be a net increase in taxation.

This will not occur partly for political reasons, but mainly because the Government survey is almost certainly wrong, last year it was wrong by more than £800 million.

Like the United States Government, the British Government professes to believe that the main danger is still inflation, but even less than the United States Government does it act on that professed belief. Its main objects are to maintain the "welfare state" and full employment.

If that requires an increase in spending power, whether by tax cuts or in some other way, then spending power will be increased.

GIVING AWAY EXPORTS

Sir Stafford however may have an open in the Budget and instead maintain employment, as he did last year by allowing much more new capital investment work than was planned. Another way of maintaining employment is to give away exports. Britain is already giving large unregulated exports to the other Marshall countries. This week she agreed to give away as much as two-thirds of her exports to Egypt.

After the huge surplus in the year just ended, a surplus which was nominally about £850 million and truly about £350 million, one might expect big tax cuts, but this will not happen. There might be a cut on the tax of beer, simply because a lower tax rate would probably bring in more revenue, and because another penny was put on beer in the "Crisis" Budget at the end of 1947.

UNSUCCESSFUL CANVAS

Berlin, Apr. 3.—Officials of the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party today made a house to house canvas of the village of Starken, on the outskirts of Berlin, to find out if its 6,000 inhabitants would like to live under Soviet control.

They asked if the people of Starken, which lies partly in the British Sector of Berlin and partly in the Soviet Zone of Germany, wished to become part of the Soviet Zone or Sector now that the Western Mark has been made the sole legal currency in Western Berlin.

The local police reported that "only a few" inhabitants had signed the paper produced by the canvassers.

Last December 90 percent of the citizens voted in the municipal elections, which were banned by the Soviet Occupation authorities.—Reuter.

Windsor For London

Paris, Apr. 3.—The Duke of Windsor left here tonight for London on the night ferry. The Duchess of Windsor will remain in Paris but may also go to England for Easter, the Duke's secretary told Reuter.—Reuter.

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Future Of Italy's Pre-War Colonies

Washington, Apr. 3.—The future disposal of Italy's prewar colonies was discussed today by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and his Italian opposite number, Count Carlo Sforza. The disposal of Tripolitania is seen by observers in Washington as the key to the knotty interrelated problems which still have to be solved before the future of Italy's former empire is decided.

The difficulty is to find a solution which would at once be acceptable to the United Nations and to the governments of all those countries immediately interested in one or the other of the territories.

Besides the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union—who made a prolonged but barren attempt to find a solution to the disposal of the colonies through great power agreement—Italy, Abyssinia, Egypt and the Arab States, South Africa, and the Commonwealth powers all take a direct concern in the distribution of these strategically placed African areas.

TRIPOLITANIA

It is believed Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, in his recent conversations with Count Sforza, Mr. Bevin and M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, has been concentrating principally on a formula for Tripolitania. One point there seems to be a growing identity of views among all the Foreign Ministers who have discussed the Italian colonies in Washington.

Whether it is decided to entrust the mandate for administering the colonies to a single power or to a joint trusteeship under the United Nations, it looks as though hard guarantees will be given to raise the economic and social level of the local inhabitants through international co-operation.

Count Sforza declared that Italy is more concerned with free association between the local populations and Italy than with the restoration of a colonial system. For Tripolitania, one solution might be to entrust the territory to a single administration for the purpose of efficiency, but to recruit members of the administrative services internationally so that the territory would receive the maximum benefits and qualify as soon as possible for self-government.

Radio-Telephony For Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 4.—The world radio-telephone map.

Before the end of this year, plans are already afoot to link Singapore with the United Kingdom by telephone.

The move is to facilitate quicker telecommunication. Negotiations are also under way for direct radio-telephone links with other Commonwealth countries—Australia and India. Connections with Hongkong and Manila are also under consideration.—Associated Press.

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